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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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- 1. Meeting of the DD/M&S Plans Officers opened by OC reps Messrs. distributing the new OC proposed action plan reporting format (attached). Mr. stated that 25X1A9a Mr. Brownman would like a report from DD/M&S Office Directors of all R&D efforts being performed for offices by DD/S&T to include projected completion dates and costs. Negative reports are required. In response to a query, Mr. said that Mr. 25X1A9a Brownman has not indicated if reporting of action plans will be switched from a bi-monthly to quarterly basis.
- 25X1A5a1 2. Dr. provided a short lecture on management by objectives (MBO). Following is a synopsis of his presentation:
 - a. MBO is basically a short and intermediate term planning system.
 - (1) The work involved and all relationships must be well thought out.
 - (2) Of great importance is the tasking of objectives to appropriate levels, i.e., into the line divisions, branches, sections.
 - (3) The role of a Planning Staff in MBO is one of facilitating and reporting.
 - b. There are three phases to MBO planning:
 - (1) Design.
 - (2) Education
 - (3) Handholding for managers.
 - c. One suggested method of making MBO work:
 - (1) Management look at the work.

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(2) Identify roles, missions, functions.



- (3) Objectives broken down to.
- (4) Division, branch, section level.
- (5) Letters of Instruction (LOI).
 - (a) Professionals
 - (b) Sub-professionals
- (6) Results or outputs usually overstated.
- d. Substitute <u>effectiveness areas</u> in lieu of roles, missions, functions.
 - (1) Standards
 - (2) Criteria

 Objectives

e. There is an alignment process in getting down to the division, branch, section level which will identify:

- (1) Impact on office or unit;
- (2) Any duplication of roles;
- (3) Holes and overlaps; and if
- (4) Office, division, branch, section chiefs are looking at objectives in same manner.
- f. Effectiveness areas:
 - (1) Innovation.
 - (2) Evaluation of programs.

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- (3) Forecasting (demand for programs).
- (4) Organizational development.
 - (a) Growth of careerists.
- (5) Concept of coverage (what market?).
 - (a) Political flavor at office level.
- (6) Impact (is product mix acceptable?)
 - (a) Also political.
- (7) Strategy extended horizon in direction for which office is headed.
 - (8) Objectives related to above.
- g. Increasing emphasis on the LOI.
 - (1) Substantive objectives appear in the LOI.
 - (2) Improvement objectives (improve product).
 - (3) Developmental objectives (EEO, personnel).
 - (4) Managerial objectives.
 - (a) Teaching managers.
 - (b) Training programs.
- h. Phase II how to make system become one of continuing nature.
 - (1) Will line managers pick up and use on a daily basis?
 - (2) If they do, this will (can) lead to longer term strategy and change structure.
 - (3) In this phase Planning Staffs in a consultive role; drawing strategy; tasking various line units to perform.
 - (4) Line managers must adopt system and develop a way (or ways) to manage.

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- (5) Too many managers are involved with daily tasks that are not managerial in nature.
- (6) Managers who complain that the MBO system does not permit time to manage are really not managing.
- (7) MBO system will force managers to delegate substantive tasks to branch, section line chiefs.
 - (8) Must be a line system top to bottom.
- i. Objectives must be quantified at some level (if not office, then division, branch, section) or you cannot identify and report milestones.
 - (1) Cannot quantify some functional statements at the office level. Such objectives must be tasked to line units.
 - (2) Improvement objectives easiest for office managers to write.
- j. Different cultures, environment and managerial values effect approach to MBO and development of objectives.
- k. The LOI is the logical device to push MBO down to the mass or workers. The key -- participation.
- 1. The Directorates approach to MBO -- variation on a theme.
- m. Play down "MBO" -- it turns people off. Talk about office management or office control system.
- 3. P&PS will prepare a report per the DD/M&S requirement as noted in paragraph 1 above.



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